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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary their petition prohibiting the slaughter of "downed" animals, Docket #98P-0151/CP1. Animals that are too sick or injured to even stand pose an increased risk of contamination and disease, and should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

Removing the market for these animals would provide incentive for the industry to provide more humane handling and drastically reduce the number of "downed" animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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